

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

Benoit De Crombrugghe, et al.

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For: HA4, A NEW OSTEOLAST-  
AND CHONDROCYTE-SPECIFIC  
SMALL SECRETED PEPTIDE,  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
OF USE

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.